

and people, we have as a whole been cold and indifferent to the missionary work, what could we expect than failure? But how much success be looked for? Not assuredly the mere number, wisdom, or energy of our committees, but by the hearty repentance, and prayer of every one of us who receives the name of Jesus! Let the Church come alive only to her duty, and then we safely predict that this darkest mission, as the result of the past, may be very soon a dawn which will end in brightest day! To the condition of the mission, the dark may be stated thus—that *there is no missionary in Bombay*, Mr. Sheriff having resigned to recruit his health; that there will probably be very soon but *one missionary*, Mr. Walker, in Madras; that in Calcutta, there is *one*, Mr. Ogilvie—the former missionary, White, having resigned his charge, being in this country.

The work of the India Committee is, under the direction of the Convener, to reconstruct the mission. To do this, they need faith, and wisdom and energy, and also—we repeat it—the sympathies, and the persevering prayers of every true believer who wishes God's work to prosper in their hands!

The bright and hopeful side of the mission—that the Convener and Committee are fully aware of their solemn responsibilities and grave faculties, and are resolved by God's help to persevere to the end and overcome the other; that there are about six young men full of promise preparing for the mission-field; that the state of the mission, with plans of new and future operations, are being earnestly discussed by the Committee; and that the utmost will be taken, by means of private intercourse with intending missionaries, to secure the right stamp for the mission field—men who will have the knowledge, and, above all, the Christian character, piety, and zeal, to conduct so holy and difficult a work, as preaching the Gospel to the heathen in India.

It is to be hoped that the Mission Boards of the different Presidencies will be faithful and zealous at such a crisis, encouraging our brethren, and helping on our work.

VI. Were we asked to which of the Schemes our Church we would point as giving token of greatest success, we should say, that of all those which have their objects beyond our own church and land, the Scheme for the Conversion of the Jews is the most vigorous, and the most healthy. With the smallest amount of any of our Schemes, a great deal is accomplished by its means; and there is promise given of results that will stand comparison in spiritual importance with those of any of the other Schemes. It has its eleven missionaries, with a numerous staff of lay agents, at its various stations in Germany, in which it has three, and in Turkey; in the latter positions have been taken up at Sidon, Alexandria, Smyrna, Beyrout; in Egypt, at Alexandria. The stations in Turkey were visited by the Convener, and Mr. Sutor of the

German Mission, in the course of the last year. Their visit has tended the more to consolidate the mission, and has confirmed many in the assurance that it is no vain work that has been undertaken and is performed. The truth fights its way among Jews and Greeks, as of old; it is received amid much tribulation sometimes. Among all there are many inquirers, and some are, by God's grace, brought even nigh to His kingdom, and a few do enter it.

The Ladies' Association, as formerly, gives important aid to the German Mission, and to that carried on in London.

We are aware of a prejudice existing in the minds of many against this Scheme, having as its object God's ancient people, who are not now His people. The prejudice is deep, but it is not founded in reason, or in the Word of God—we are debtors to the Jew as to the Greek. The reading of the interesting, satisfactory, and true spirited report of Rev. Professor Mitchell of St. Andrews, the Convener, might convince many of their error in their withholding their efforts for the good of the Jewish race.

There are many topics remaining, which we might touch on in our observations on "The Church of Scotland in the Mission Field"—one such is the contributions of the Church for missionary objects, especially in country parishes. While altogether they are not what they ought to be, they are lamentably deficient in many places where better might be expected. Our people in the country, with little or nothing to keep up, might surely do a little more for the great object which our Church seeks to advance; but, perhaps, because of the little they have to do, is this barrenness of result in relation to our six mission schemes. Our Free Church seeders are in this, as in some other things, worthy of being followed. A Presbytery, in their denomination, will collect, for their various objects, more than some of our Synods will painfully gather for all of our mission schemes.

SUMMARY VIEW OF PROTESTANT MISSIONS.

MISSION-FIELDS.	Mission- aries.	Assist- ants.	Native helpers.	Commu- nicants.	Scholar- ships.
American Indians,	125	250		9,368	2,417
Spanish Am. States,	11	12		703	335
Guiana & W. Indies,	218	137	226	76,072	16,884
Africa—North & East,	6	2	3		
" Western,	107	100	100	13,186	32,135
" South,	132	72	13	11,193	12,171
Asia—Western,	71	87	83	330	2,911
" India & Ceylon,	476	127	1636	19,651	79,485
" Burmah & Siam,	29	12	132	7,035	1,062
" China,	72	38	19	237	798
Islands—China Sea and Pacific,	106	55	512	42,018	53,146
Total,	1360	954	2737	189,653	181,792

NOTE.—In the Return of Societies specifying missionaries and assistants, but not distinguishing between them, one half is here assigned to each.